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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS IN NICOSIA

1. GREEK CYPRIOT STUDENTS AND TEACHERS STAGED DEMONSTRATIONS IN NICOSIA JANUARY 17 TO PROTEST BRITISH DECISION FACILITATE TRANSFER WSBA TURKISH REFUGEES. BASIC THEME WAS ANTI-BRITISH BUT USG AND NATO ALSO FIGURED IN CROWD CHANTS. OFFICIAL POLICE REPORT ESTIMATES CROWD AS HIGH AS 12,000 DURING THE MORNING HOURS (TWO GROUPS). VISITS TO BRITISH COUNCIL, GREEK EMBASSY AND U.S. EMBASSY (APPROXIMATELY 3,000) PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. IN AFTERNOON DEMONSTRATION HERE, LEADERS WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS IN FRONT OF EMBASSY. DEMONSTRATION LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES.

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3. POLICE REPORTS INDICATE ADDITIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE

IN LARNACA AND LIMASSOL, ALSO WITHOUT INCIDENT. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

4. DEMONSTRATIONS AGAIN PLANNED FOR TOMORROW. SCOPE NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT CIVIL SERVANTS UNION EMPLOYEES (SAME GROUP WHICH STAGED 19 AUGUST 1974 DEMONSTRATION) WILL TAKE PART.

5. CROWD PROTESTS FOLLOWED SPATE OF ANTI-BRITISH EDITORIALS IN JANUARY 17 GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS. ALMOST ALL PAPERS CASTIGATED HMG; SEVERAL CALLED UPON GREECE TO DISTANCE ITSELF FURTHER FROM U.S. AND NATO. RIGHT WING ETHNIKI AND MAKHI ADVOCATED GREEK CYPRIOTS REACT STRONGLY; LATTER SUMMONED REFUGEES INTO STREETS AND ONTO SBA'S. PRO-CLERIDES' AGON WARNED THAT GREEKS, AS WELL AS TURKS, COULD EXERT PRESSURE AGAINST BRITISH -- PARTICULARLY AGAINST SBA'S WHICH ARE LOCATED IN GREEK CYPRUS.

6. NEWSPAPERS REPORT TWO APPARENTLY ANTI-BRITISH BOMBINGS IN LIMASSOL LAST NIGHT. TARGETS WERE BUILDINGS THAT UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO HAD BEEN USED AS BRITISH COMMUNITY CENTERS. BOTH NOW VACATED.

7. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR WE ARE IN FOR SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS. TODAY'S, COMPOSED BASICALLY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, PASSED PEACEFULLY. END COMMENT.  
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